

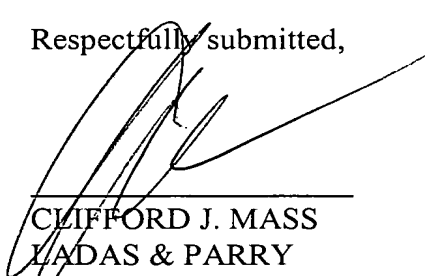
## REMARKS

In response to the Official Action of February 18, 2004, wherein the Examiner has required an election of claims, Applicants' hereby elect to prosecute in the present application the claims of Group II drawn to a method of preventing type 1 diabetes mellitus by administering oral polio vaccine. The elected claims have been amended to place them into better form for examination. Claims 2-11, 20, and 22-30 are drawn to the elected invention.

The above election is made without prejudice to Applicants right to file a divisional application or applications drawn to the non-elected subject matter. Applicants respectfully request that the non-elected claims be held in abeyance pending Applicants decision as to whether to file such divisional application or applications.

Applicants have now complied with the sole requirement in the aforementioned Official Action. (It is noted that the requirement for a species election was conditional upon the election of the claims of Group III.) Accordingly, an early examination of the application on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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